

# STIELOW SAVED BY QUICK WORK OF NEW YORK FRIENDS

**It Was Touch and Go Keeping the Man Believed Innocent From Death.**

## WAS SAVED BY A HAIR.

**Misha Appelbaum Tells of Phones, Autos and Trains Used Just in Time.**

**Following the stay granted by Justice Guy in the Stielow case, which is set for trial on Aug. 22, at Rochester, Monroe County, every effort is being made to marshal facts and arguments in an attempt to secure a new trial.**

**As stated in these columns, this is one of the most remarkable cases in criminal annals. It is replete with every dramatic incident that would tax the imagination of a Sherlock Holmes. In this case figure, blunders, third degree methods of securing confessions, fingerprints, a daring woman walking through the snow in her nightgown, several revolutions and a final last hour telephone call to Sing Sing to save the prisoner, forty-five minutes before execution.**

**The last minute activity in this connection is well told by Misha Appelbaum, founder and leader of the Humanitarian Cult, who joined forces in the fight to establish this man's innocence.**

**Mr. Appelbaum stated: "It is a human prerogative to never say die," and this case certainly exemplifies it. His attention was drawn to this case only last Wednesday by Sophie Irene Loeb of The Evening World, who has been one of the leading factors in the fight for Stielow. The facts strongly appealed to me, and we decided to appropriate action.**

**"The first move was to ascertain the sentiment of the people around Stielow's home, where a committee was sent. I arrived at Buffalo early yesterday morning, where I was met by David White, Stielow's counsel, Mr. Stuart Kohn, voluntary counsel also of the People's Defenders' League.**

**We reached Medina, N. Y., at ten minutes past 11. The largest theatre was crowded. By 2 o'clock handbills were distributed and a large mass**

**meeting was convened for that evening.**

### STIELOW'S NEIGHBORS BELIEVE HIM INNOCENT.

**All I could tell him was packed, and he flew back to Milford and Gloucester, called me and we planned to have a meeting of the community and the members of the community can best be described by saying that at the end of the meeting a resolution condemning Gov. Whitman for a series was unanimously adopted.**

**While the words were circulated for circulation about \$100 per cent of the popular support and interest.**

**In addition, a telegram was sent to all the individuals of the sentiment of the community. Stielow certainly must have had a good reputation, and up to the present there has been nothing made public to the contrary, even at the trials.**

**Before the audience left the theatre, one of us went to see the Stielow family mother, daughter and son so that if Gov. Whitman did not grant the reprieve, we would send them to Sing Sing for a farewell.**

**"By some strange coincidence Mrs. Stielow and her daughter occupied a room right next to Gov. Whitman's drawing room. We followed the train to Buffalo on our way to Albany. In the morning I watched for the Governor, and as he alighted from the train, told him of the Stielow case, at which time he granted an appointment for 11 o'clock.**

**"Arriving in Albany, we explained to the Governor the extended nature of the case and tried to convince him that the ends of justice would not be defeated if a reprieve was granted. But the Governor would not be moved—not even when the little girl of Stielow told her story.**

**We were a very disorganized bunch. We easily felt the injustice of it all, but could not see a way out of it. We took the 7 o'clock train from Albany for New York.**

**"We arrived at about 11 that night and went into consultation with Sophie Irene Loeb, whose indefatigable energy never falttered, even though she was seriously ill. She decided that there was one chance, and that was to see Supreme Court Judge. But evidently some higher power was watching over Stielow and I located Charles Guy, Justice of the Supreme Court. After looking over the legal aspect of the case, he said that it was his duty to receive the lawyers, and if the evidence warranted it, he would naturally consider a stay.**

**QUICK WORK IN PRESENTING CASE TO JUDGE GUY.**

**"David White, the man's counsel, was in Albany. Stuart Kohn, counsel, was in Jersey. Inez Milford Boisvaquin was in Harmon, and it was within a few hours before the electrocution.**

**"Inez Milford Boisvaquin started by machine from Harmon and Stuart Kohn from Jersey and by 4 o'clock they joined me at the Justice's home, and it was then agreed that since the counsel for Stielow could not arrive in time, there should be a stay for a few hours anyway, and if the evidence warranted it, he would inquire his military position.**

**"I finally was connected with Sing on the phone and delivered the message at 4:45 A. M., but the keeper in charge took no chances and insisted that Justice Gray personally telephone. Then Inez Milford had to identify Inez Milford, and then a condition was made that a written request should be sent up at once.**

**"By that time the Stielow family were waiting outside of the prison for his body, and he had already been prepared for the last rites.**

**"In the morning James W. Osborne was engaged (the expense will be paid by members of the Humanitarian Cult). The Stielow family, who had remained in Ossining after the reprieve was granted, left there yesterday to accompany them and saw them off on their trip to Medina.**

**"On their way down to New York Mrs. Stielow expressed a great desire to also thank Sophie Irene Loeb for her efforts in their behalf, and I complied with her request.**

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**"The Mutual Welfare League has**

**raised additional funds for the Stielow family. When the Secretary-treasurer Mrs. Blodgett no additional sum, besides his train fare, was refused to take it saying: 'I don't need any more; we have enough to get us home and we will try to get you until you come back.'**

**The trial was adjourned upon new evidence. One of the startling features of the new evidence is this: The trial Justice charged the jury that the confession was not believed, the case would have to be thrown out.**

**From the time of the trial, when a confession was made public to the country, even at the trials,**

**"The trial was adjourned for a week, and the defense did not return until after all the evidence, the confessor was obtained by fraud, threats and intimidation; the prisoner was released without a warrant and for three days was without counsel, and the court assigned counsel to him only after the confession was obtained.**

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**NEW WITNESS SAYS OTHERS COMMITTED THE CRIME.**

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**Judge Cole ruled out one part of this new evidence on the ground that it could not be brought out as the defense could not prove Newton, the detective, and run the risk of being discredited by his answers; but it is said, Judge Cole overlooked the fact that had the defense's attorney known how the confession was obtained he could have brought this to the jury's notice by summoning Stielow, which would have necessitated the prosecution calling the witness, and that would have given the defense a chance to examine him.**

**There is considerable more important evidence, which will all come out at the time the motion is argued."**

### CARRANZA TO QUIT AS FIRST CHIEF IS MEXICAN REPORT

**Will Surrender Place to Gonzales, It Is Said, and Run for President.**

**LAREDO, Tex., July 31.—Venustiano Carranza is to retire as First Chief of the de facto Government of Mexico at an early date, and will be succeeded by Gen. Plutarco Elias according to information given out by Mexican administrative circles in Nuevo Laredo to-day.**

**Gen. Carranza will enter the field as Presidential candidate at the forthcoming general election, it was said to-day, confirming recent unofficial advice from Mexico City.**

**The conference of Mexican Generals with Carranza, soon to be held, according to these advices, will arrange for the call for general elections and for the retirement of the First Chief.**

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# CARRANZA MAY DELAY REPLY TO U. S. NOTE; WANTS MORE TIME

**New Element for Consideration in Suggestion of Enlarged Scope for Commission.**

**MEXICO CITY, July 31.—A prolonged discussion of the State Department's note, in reply to the latest proposals of the Mexican Government relating to the settlement of the border difficulties, which was received to-day at the Foreign Office from Secretario de Relaciones Extranjeras, took place between Carranza and Foreign Minister Aguirre.**

**It was announced at the Foreign Office to-day that Washington had accepted in entirety Mexico's suggestions that the joint commission, besides endeavoring to fix the responsibility for the border raids, arrange conditions for the withdrawal of the United States forces and an international border patrol.**

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# HEARSE AND CORTEGE, BUT CORPSE LACKING

**All Appurtenances of Funeral Appear in Neighborhood Where They're Not Needed.**

**Residents of Eleventh Avenue, near Forty-eighth Street, in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, were surprised yesterday afternoon to see a hearse and half a dozen funeral coaches stop on the corner. "Who's dead?" they asked, but got no answer. The drivers of the vehicles scanned the doors of the houses, but seeing no traps they held a conference. William F. Kearns, a real estate dealer in the neighborhood, came along.**

**"Do you happen to know where's the house or does it surround here?" the driver of the hearse asked.**

**"It was some minutes before Kearns could persuade the man that there was nobody dead in the vicinity. The drivers did not know yet whether it was the address wrong or somebody played a joke on them.**

**Some of the persons active in this legal department will be George Gordon, Mrs. Inez Milford Boisvaquin and Stuart Kohn, voluntary counsel also of the People's Defenders' League.**

**Mrs. Laura Stielow, accompanied by Mr. Appelbaum and her two children, Ethel, thirteen, and Roy, eleven, left her husband and Sing Sing yesterday afternoon for the city, whence she will go to her home at Medina, N. Y. She said Stielow was feeling poorly.**

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